



Park, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan – 2015

Park Board Work Session

December 17, 2014

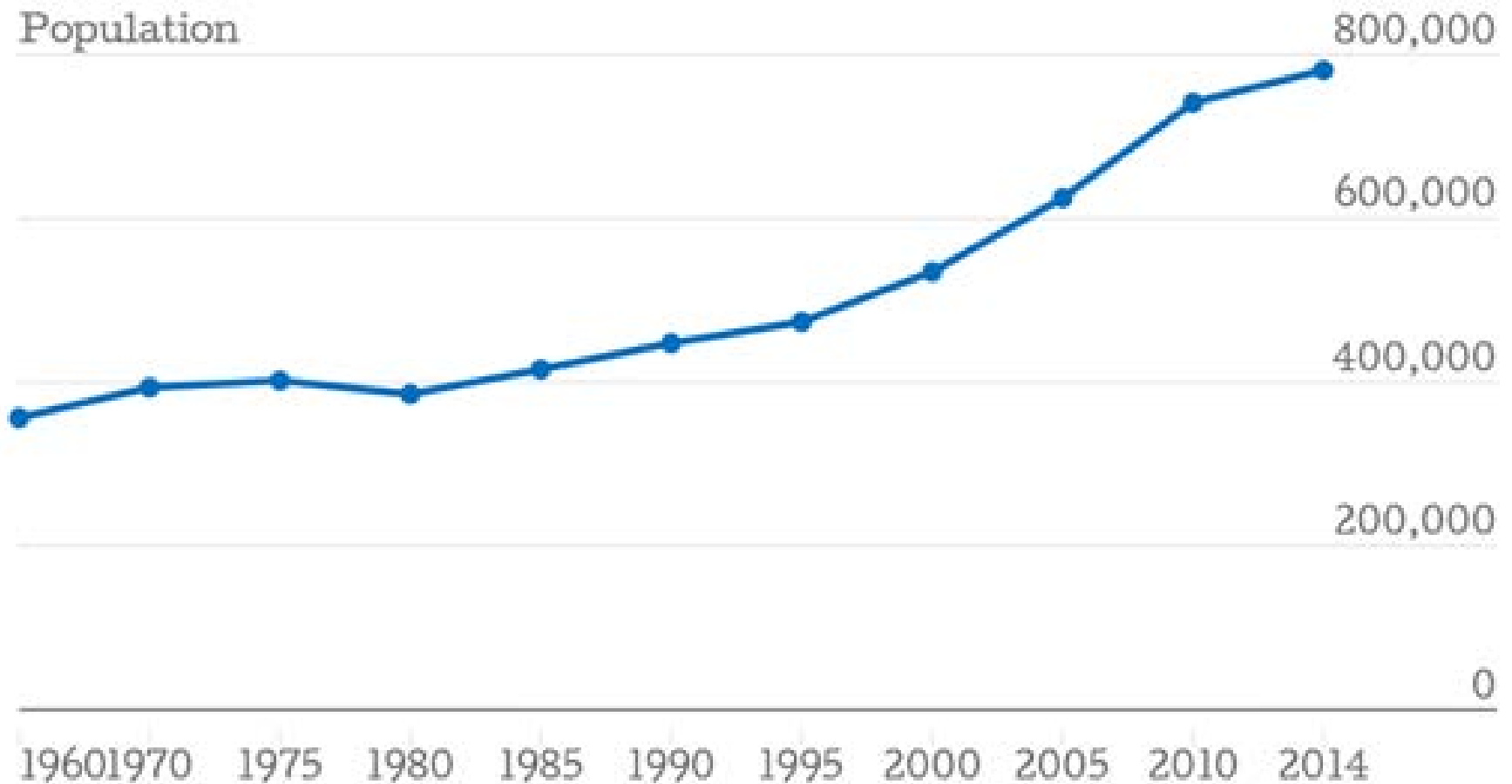
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History of the Park, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan

- 1909 Park Master Plan (George Kessler)
- 1930 and 1957 Park Master Plans (Hare and Hare)
- 1992 Park and Recreation Department Strategic Plan
- 1998 Park, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan
- 2004 Park, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan
- 2010 Park, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan - 5 year Update

Demographics



Made with Chartbuilder

Data: U.S. Census Bureau, North Central Texas COG

Purpose of the Plan

4 Critical Questions

1. **Who should or must be served** by Fort Worth's parks and programs?
2. **What services** will they want?
3. **What services** should be **provided**?
4. **How will resources** be identified, achieved, maximized and allocated?

What is included in the plan?

- Goals
- Park Facility Standards
- Demographics
- Park Planning Districts
- Inventory of Park Facilities
- Public Input
- Prioritization of Needs



Goals

1. **Restore and maintain** the viability of the park, recreation and open space system by investing and re-investing in **existing** facilities.
2. **Provide new** parkland and facilities to meet park, recreation and open space needs in **developing and re-developing** areas of the City.
3. **Improve the variety** of park, recreation and open space opportunities available to the community.

Goals (continued)

4. **Expand** recreational opportunities in the floodplains of the **Trinity River** and its tributaries.
5. **Build and enhance** community **partnerships** to deliver quality services and facilities.
6. **Preserve and enhance** the City's **natural, historical and developed** resources.

Park Facility Standards

City of Fort Worth Recreational Facility Service Standards	
Recreation Facilities	Per 1,000 Persons
Practice Fields	1:5,000
Competition Softball / Baseball Fields	1:12,500
Competition Soccer Fields	1:10,000
Basketball Courts	1:5,000
Hike and Bike Trails (1 Mile)	1:10,000
Picnic Shelters	1:10,000
Tennis Courts	1:5,000
Playgrounds	1:4,000
Picnic Units	1:1,100
Swimming Pools	See Aquatics Master Plan
Golf Courses (18 Holes)	Market Driven

Park Facilities – New for 2015

2015 – Proposed New Facilities	
Recreation Facilities	Geographic Distribution
Dog Parks	1 Per Park Planning District or 5 Mile Radius
Universal Playgrounds	1 Per Park Planning District or 5 Mile Radius
Regional Skate Parks	1 Per Park Planning District or 5 Mile Radius

2015 – Considered But Not Proposed New Facilities	
Recreation Facilities	
Neighborhood Skate Parks / Skate Spots	

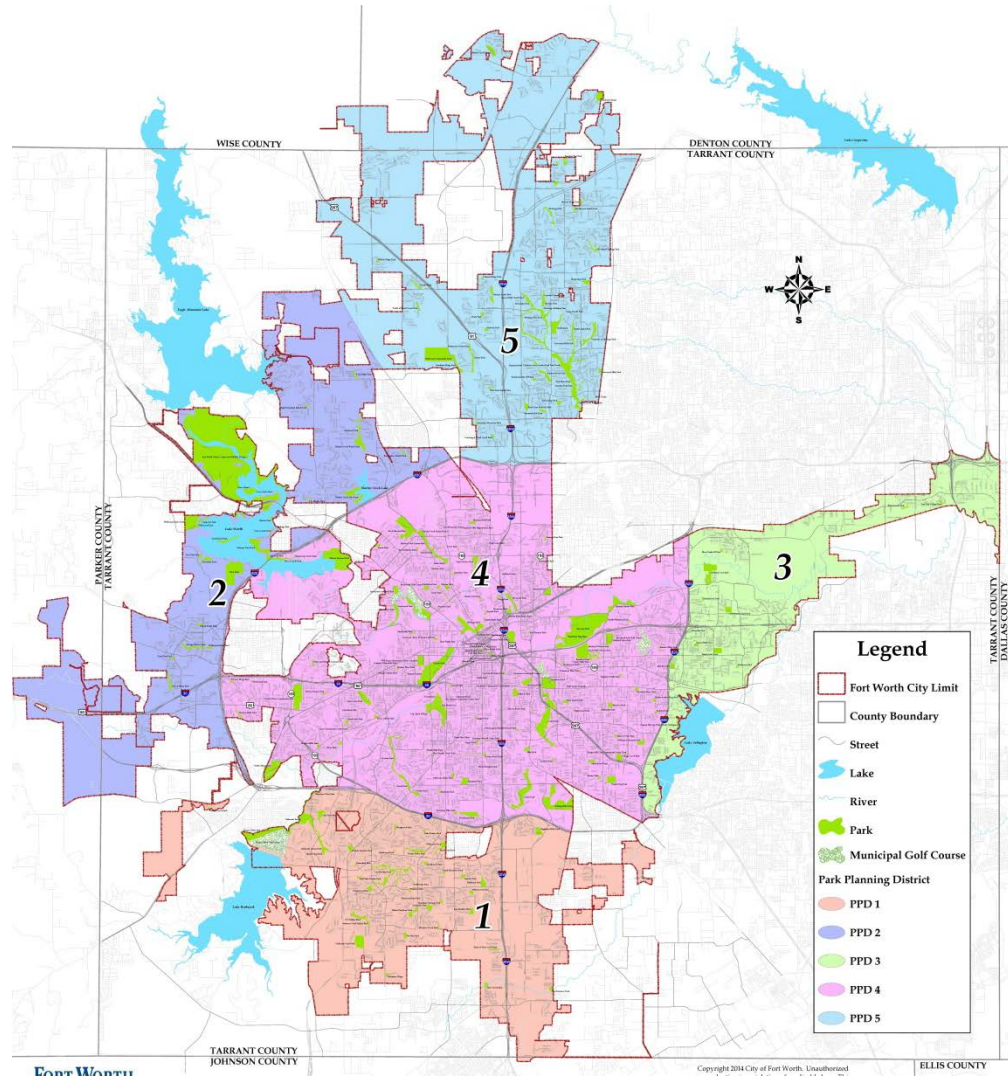
Current Park Classifications

Local Close to Home Parks	Regional Parks
Pocket Parks	Large Recreation Parks
Neighborhood Parks	Special Use Parks
Community Parks	

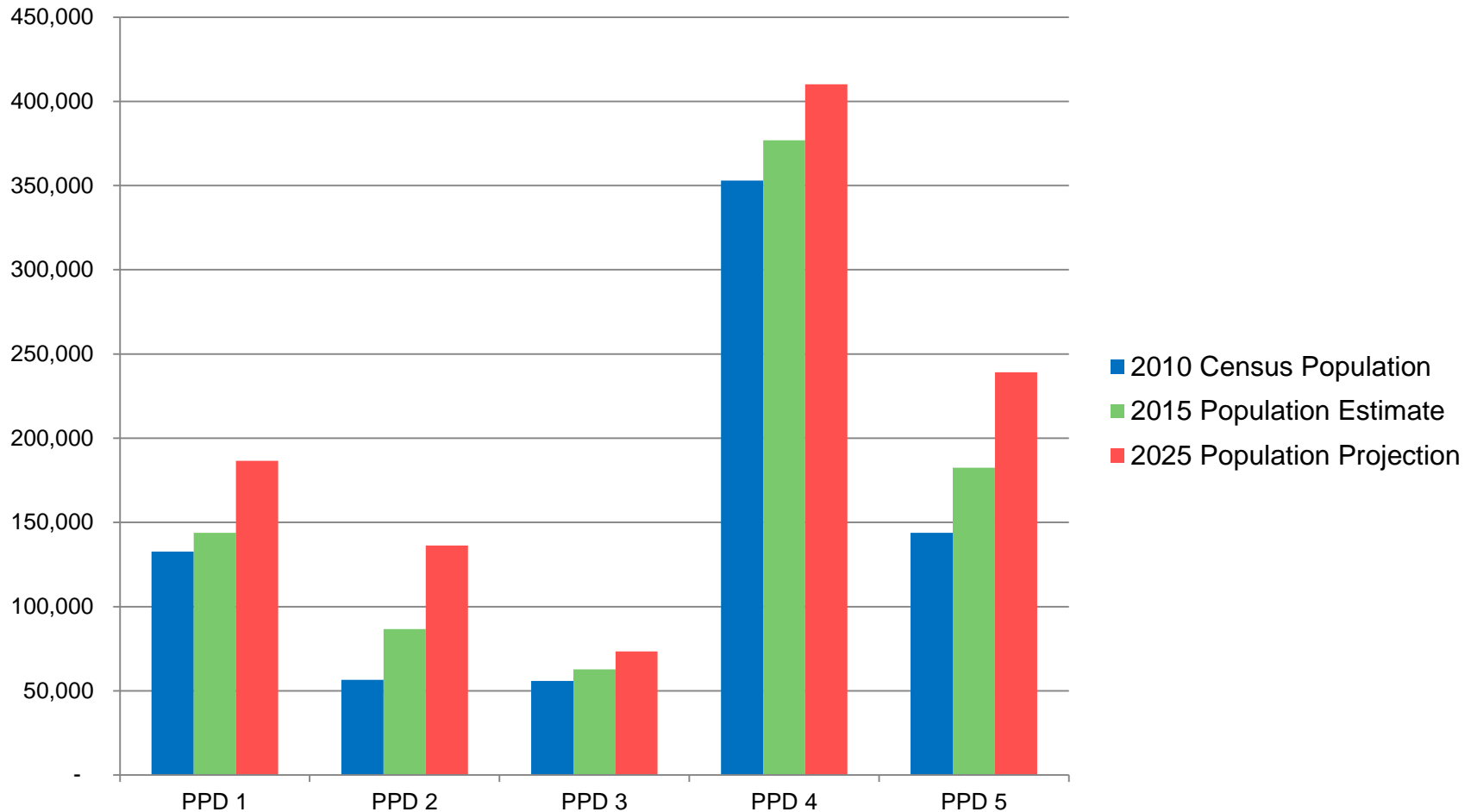
Proposed Park Classifications

Neighborhood Based Parks	Community Based Parks	Special Use and Nature Based Parks
Urban Parks	Community Parks	Special Use
Pocket Parks	Metropolitan Parks	Greenbelts
Neighborhood Parks		Conservancy

Park Planning Districts



Population Projections



Inputs



Public Input – 2013 Needs Assessment

- **Survey** mailed out to **20,000 residences**
- Option of completing online or mail-in survey
- **Posted** on CFW **website**
- Linked to CFW **Facebook** page
- Downtown Fort Worth Inc., posted the survey on their Facebook page
- **Mailed** to registered **Neighborhood Organizations**

Public Input – 2014 Bond Program

- Public Input on Park Facilities
- **31 Public Meetings** Throughout the City
- Opportunity to Provide Comments Online



Public Input – Online Public Survey

- October 29, 2014 to November 15, 2014
- Over **450 surveys** submitted
- Submittals from **all Park Planning Districts**

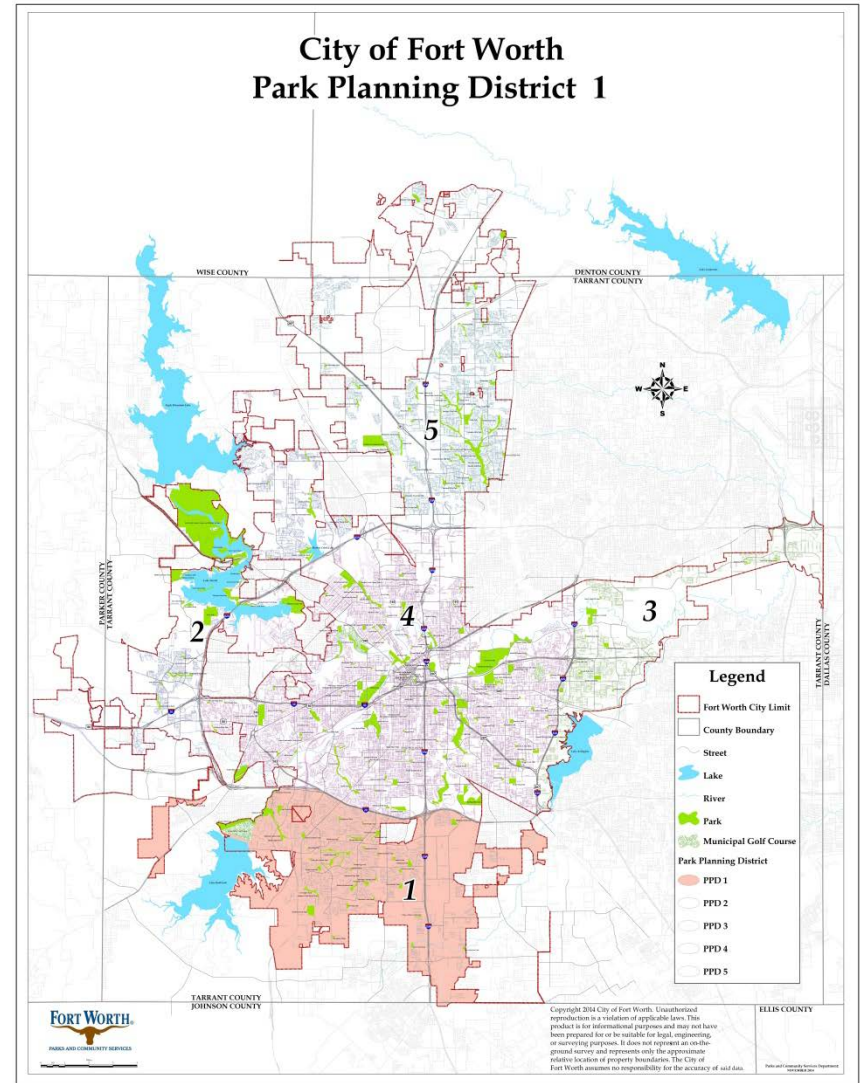


Master Plan Public Meetings

- **Park Board Work Sessions** September 24, November 19 and December 17
- **Development Advisory Committee** October 20
- **City-wide Public Information Meeting** November 1
- **Central City Redevelopment Committee** November 13
- **North Fort Worth Alliance** November 17
- **Plan Commission** December 19
- **City Council Work Session** January 6, 2015
- **City Council adoption** January 27, 2015

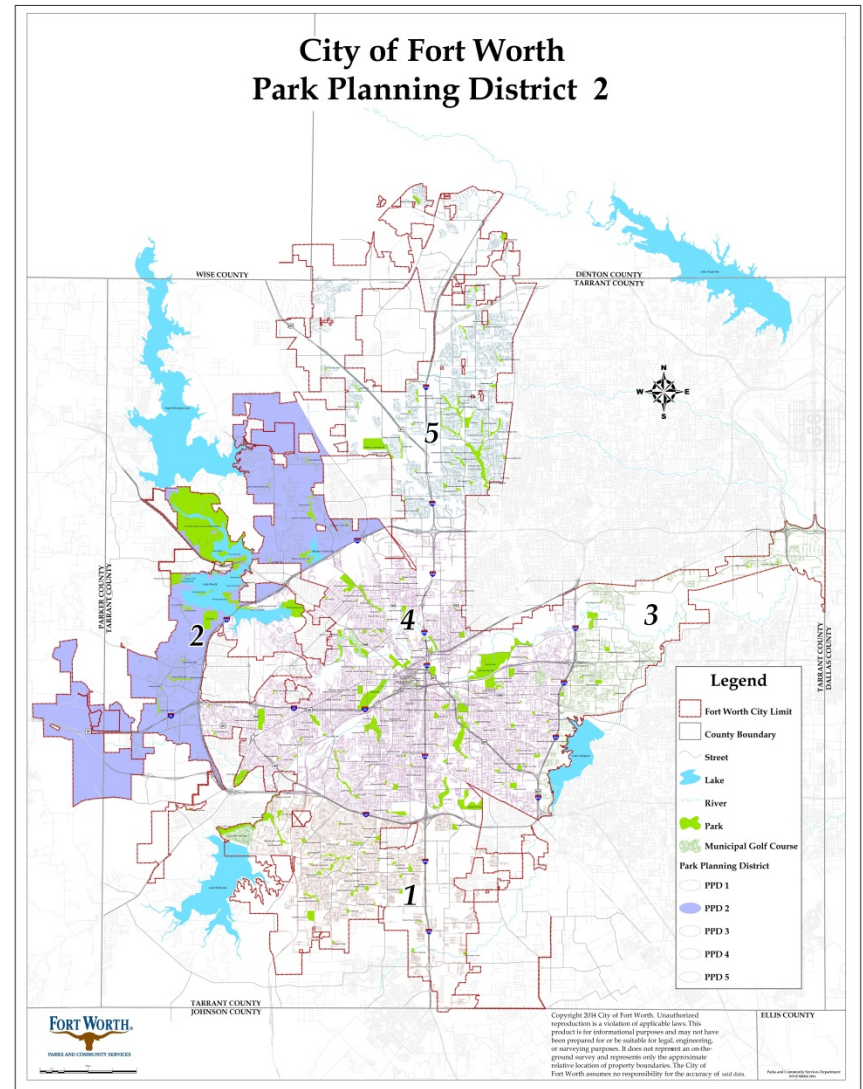
Priorities – PPD 1

1. Hike/bike/walking trails
2. Playgrounds
3. Athletic Fields (soccer, baseball, softball)
4. Dog parks
5. Multi-use courts
6. Open spaces/natural areas
7. Skateboard parks
8. Tennis courts
9. Basketball courts
10. Picnic shelters



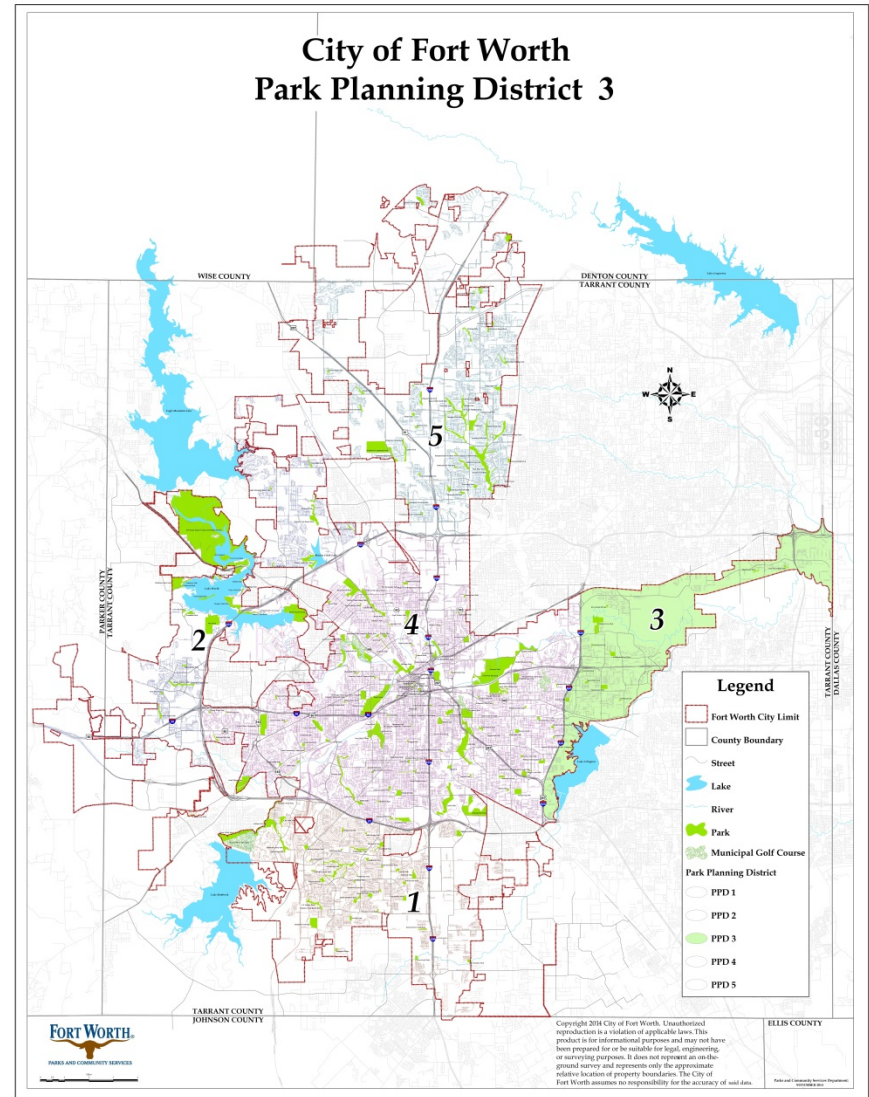
Priorities – PPD 2

1. Hike/bike/walking trails
2. Playgrounds
3. Dog parks
4. Multi-use courts
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8. Tennis courts
9. Basketball courts
10. Picnic shelters



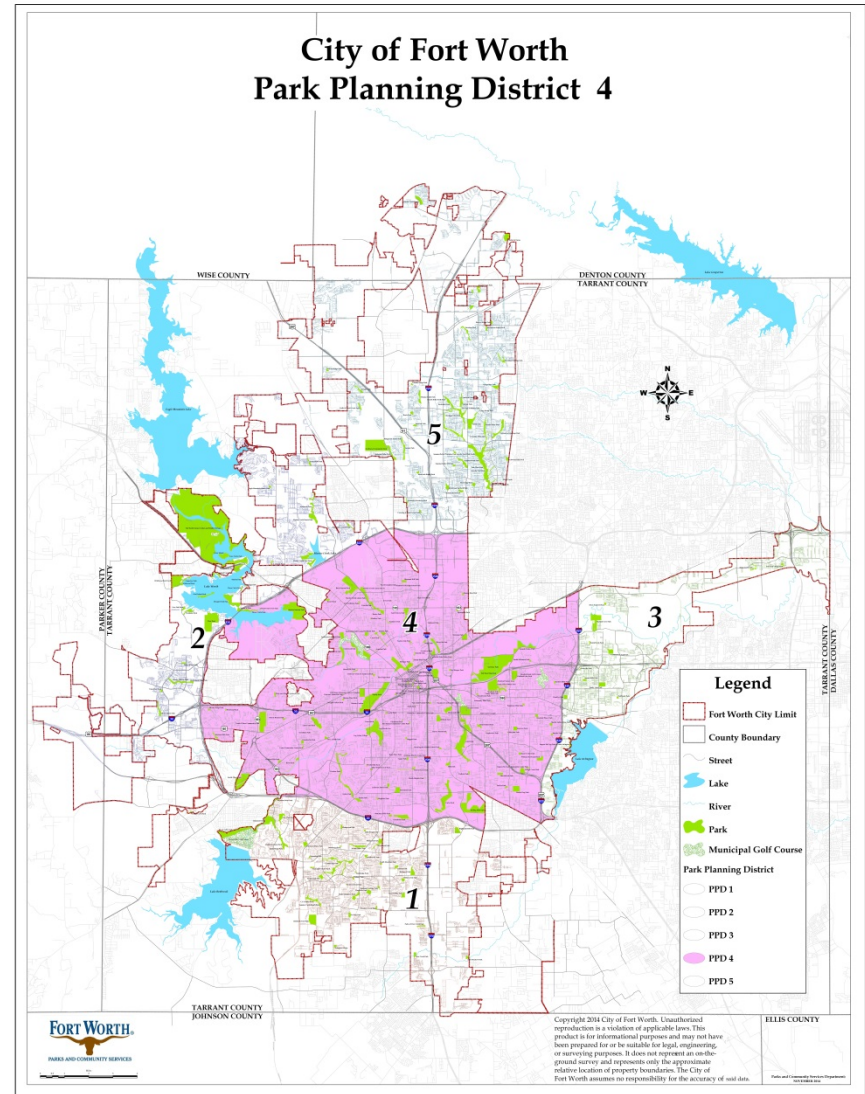
Priorities – PPD 3

1. Hike/bike/walking trails
2. Playgrounds
3. Dog parks
4. Multi-use courts
5. Athletic Fields (soccer, baseball, softball)
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7. Basketball courts
8. Volleyball courts
9. Skateboard parks
10. Picnic shelters



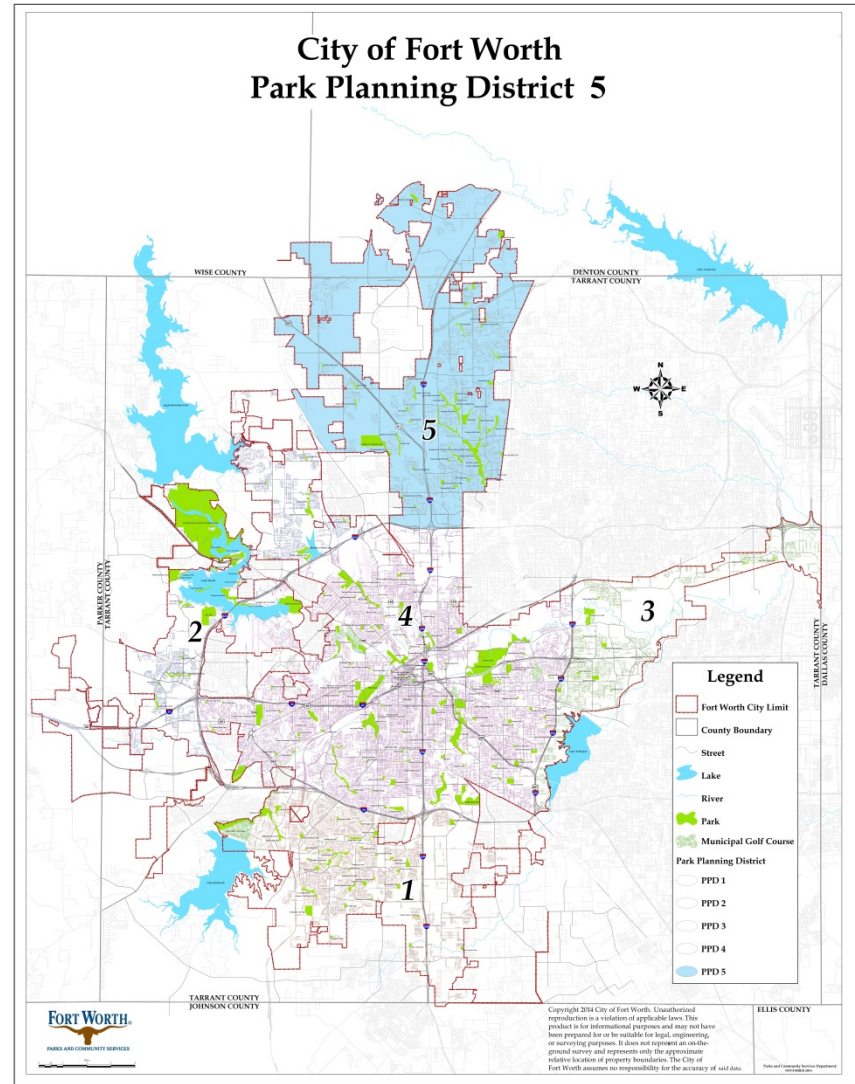
Priorities – PPD 4

1. Hike/bike/walking trails
2. Playgrounds
3. Multi-use courts
4. Skateboard parks
5. Athletic Fields (soccer, baseball, softball)
6. Open spaces/natural areas
7. Dog parks
8. Basketball courts
9. Tennis courts
10. Picnic shelters



Priorities – PPD 5

1. Hike/bike/walking trails
2. Playgrounds
3. Athletic Fields (soccer, baseball, softball)
4. Dog parks
5. Multi-use courts
6. Open spaces/natural areas
7. Basketball courts
8. Tennis courts
9. Skateboard parks
10. Picnic shelters



Summary of Plan Updates

- **Goals and Objectives**
- **Demographics** and Demographic Projections
- Park & Facility **Inventory**
- Park Facility **Standards** and **Classifications**
- **Prioritization of Needs** in each **Park Planning District**



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